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OF THE

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LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISS.,

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MINUTES.

FRIDAY, September 13, 1872

The Thirty-third Session of the Chickasaw Association met with the Shiloh Church, LaFayette county, Mississippi, Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1872. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. W. Finley, from the sixth, seventh and eighth verses of the fifth chapter of second Corinthians: "Then the spirit of the righteous enter into heaven immediately after death, and the spirit of the wicked enter torment."

The Association adjourned for one hour, to partake of refreshments. Prayer by Elder T. H. Smith, and benediction by the Moderator.

At 1½ p.m., the Association reassembled in the house, Elder W. W. Finley in the chair. Prayer by Elder J. B. Gambrel.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for the transaction of business, whereupon the letters from the several churches were called for and read by Brethren N. M. Berry and C. A. Starts, and the names of delegates enrolled. (See statistical table.)

On motion, the Association went into the election of officers, in order to effect a permanent organization of the body. Elders St. Clare Lawrence, J. B. Gambrel and Prof. M. T. Martin acting as tellers of the election, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. W. Finley as Moderator and Brother E. Smyth, Clerk.

The Moderator, on taking his seat, made some very affectionate and appropriate remarks to the Association.

Petitions and letters were called for, when Oak Limeter and Pine Flat Churches presented petitions and letters, asking admission into the Association, which was agreed to, and the right hand of fellowship given to the delegates by the Moderator.

On motion, all brethren of our order present, in good standing, were invited to seats with the body.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Divine

Service: N. M. Berry, D. E. Mitchell and H. Kirk, with the p
tor and deacons of this church.

On motion, the order of business, as found in last year's minut
was adopted for the present session.

Elders J. T. Pitts, J. B. Gambrel and T. Gurley were appoint
a Committee on Domestic Missions.

Elders H. L. Finley and T. Gorley and Brother S. H. Pla
were appointed a Committee on Foreign Missions.

Elder H. L. Finley and Brothers N. M. Berry and S. H. Wo
were appointed a Committee on Mississippi College.

Adjourned to nine o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld
J. Smith.

SATURDAY, September 14, 9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer
Brother T. H. Smith, of the Coldwater Association.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The appointment of committees was continued, as follows:

On the Bible Cause—Elders J. T. Pitts and T. Gorley a
Brother S. H. Wood.

On Systematic Benevolence—Elder F. M. Ferrel and Brothe
N. M. Berry and S. H. Plant.

On Finance—J. H. Morgan, G. W. Hall and J. S. Wooton.

On the State of Religion—Elders W. L. Farmer and H.
Johnson and Brother B. Jackson.

On Documents—Elder J. B. Gambrel and Brothers S. H. Pla
and W. L. Souter.

On Sabbath Schools—Elder J. Boswell and Brothers N. M
Berry and W. T. Rochester.

On Orphans' Home—Elder H. L. Finley and Brothers N. M
Berry and S. H. Wood.

The regular order of business was suspended, to hear a lette
from Pine Grove Church.

Petitionary letters were again called for, when Duncan's Creek
Church presented a letter, asking admission into this Association
which was agreed to, and the right hand of fellowship given t
the delegates by the Moderator.

The Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Abstract of Principle
were read.

Correspondence was called for, when the following was received

From the Judson Association, a letter, by Elder A. B. Smith.

From the Tishomingo Association, a letter borne by Elder J. Smith.

From the Coldwater Association, Brother T. H. Smith, bearing a letter.

From the Oxford Association, Elder J. B. Gambrel and Brethren D. J. Burgess, J. Grey, W. H. Caruthers and W. R. Night.

Elder J. B. Gambrel, D. J. Burgess and Prof. M. T. Martin were recognized from the State Convention.

From the Aberdeen Association, Elder St. Clare Lawrence.

From the Yalobusha Association, Elder T. H. Smith and Brother H. Hawkins.

From the Tippah Association, Elders M. P. Lowrey and W. E. Berry.

REPORTS CALLED FOR.

The Committee on the Mississippi College made their report, in support of which, Brother Martin, Elders W. W. Finley, J. B. Gambrel and M. P. Lowrey made speeches, after which $550 was given in notes for its endowment.

Adjourned till half-past one o'clock, to hear a sermon by Elder J. T. Pitts.

SATURDAY, September 14, 1:30 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by W. L. Reynolds.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was supported by speeches from several of the brethren, and $61 raised in pledges, and $36 given in cash for the support of F. R. Stokes, a young minister, who is to enter the college at Clinton, soon.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Judson Association—Elders J. Boswell, W. W. Finley, J. T. Pitts, Brethren B. Jackson, J. B. Gambrel and W. L. Souter; J. B. Gambrel to write.

To the Tippah Association—Elders W. L. Reynolds, J. T. Pitts, Brethren N. M. Berry, H. Kirk, J. H. Morgan, H. T. Pitts, W. F. Rochester, J. M. Grey, J. K. Giton, A. Giton and G. W. Hall; N. M. Berry to write.

To the Tishomingo Association—Elders H. L. Finley, H. Pritchards, Brethren H. Kirk and J. M. Grey.

To the Coldwater Association—Elders H. L. Finley, J. Smith, Brethren D. Cauch and E. Smyth; E. Smyth to write.

To the Oxford Association—Elders J. Crossby, H. L. Finle
Brethren F. A. Crossby and D. Singettary ; J. Crossby to write.

To the Aberdeen Association—Elders H. L. Finley, J. T. Pitt
H. Pritchard, Brethren H. T. Pitts, E. Smyth, W. C. Crawford a
J. M. Barksdale ; J. T. Pitts to write.

To the Baptist State Convention—Elders W. W. Finley, H.
Johnson, J. T. Pitts, J. Smith, G. W. Potter, Brethren N. M. Berr
R. B. Smyth, W. L. Souter and J. McTucker.

It was agreed to hold the next session of this body with th
Amaziah Church, Union county, Mississippi.

Elder J. T. Pitts was chosen to preach the next Introductor
Sermon, and Elder H. L. Finley, alternate.

On application, leave of absence was granted to J. S. Jones, T
Y. Pannel and Elder J. Boswell.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, in sup
port of which Elder J. B. Gambrel made a thrilling speech, at th
close of which, $17.45 in cash was collected for that object. Repor
adopted.

The Committee on Finance made their report, which wa
adopted.

Adjourned to Monday morning at nine o'clock. Prayer by
Elder M. P. Lowrey.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

SUNDAY, September 15.

On Sabbath morning the weather was quite fine and pleasant.
At ten o'clock a very large congregation assembled, and was
preached to in the church-house, by Elder J. S. Gambrel, and at the
same hour, in a school-house near by, by Elder W. L. Reynolds,
both having crowded houses of attentive hearers. At eleven
o'clock, in the church-house, Elder M. P. Lowrey, and in the school-
house Elder J. T. Pitts, preached to congregations of very atten-
tive hearers. From the word preached we hope much good was
accomplished.

MONDAY, September 16, 9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by
Elder H. L. Johnson.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The Committee on Documents made their report, which was
adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report, which was agreed to, speeches being made in its support by Elders M. P. Lowrey, N. M. Berry, J. B. Gambrel, W. W. Finley and H. L. Finley.

Brother A. J. Quinch was recognized as a messenger from the Oxford Association.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence read their report, which was adopted.

The report on the Orphans' Home was read by the Chairman, and supported by speeches from Elders M. P. Lowrey and H. L. Finley, when $33.85 was laid on the table for its support by the Association. Report adopted.

Adjourned till half-past one o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder J. M. Ferrel.

MONDAY, September 16, 1:30 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. L. Farmer.

The report on the Bible Cause was read by the Chairman and adopted.

The regular order of business was, by motion, suspended, and the Executive Board elected by acclamation, as follows: N. M. Berry, H. T. Pitts, M. Cosa, E. M. Stephens and E. Smith.

The Committee on the State of Religion made their report, which was adopted.

The report on Domestic Missions was read, and a report made by Elder H. L. Finley in favor of its claims, when $17 was collected for that cause. Report adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The report of the Executive Board was read and adopted, and pledges made for the support of a missionary in our hands, to be paid at the next Association, amounting to $208.

Corresponding letters were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet with the Amaziah Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1873, after an encouraging address by the Moderator to be faithful in good works till our work on earth is finished, singing one of the songs of Zion, and giving to each other the parting hand. Prayer by Elder J. Smith.

E. SMITH, Clerk. W. W. FINLEY, Moderator.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Mississippi College beg leave to report:

That this institution has been redeemed from the brethren, of d which so long threatened its existence as a Baptist enterprise. This is ca for devout gratitude to God, and we most earnestly recommend to our breth its support and patronage. What it has been; what it has accomplishe the past, we think a sufficient guarantee for the future. So full of pron is its future, that we most heartily recommend it as worthy of our supp our prayers and our sacrifices. In consideration of the fact, that we have compete with other institutions that have unlimited resources at their c mand, we see the necessity of a permanent endowment fund. We recomm the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association heartily endorse the action of the B tist State Convention, which authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Coll to raise an endowment fund of $100,000, and recommend the churches brethren composing this body to give all the aid in their power for the acco plishment of this great work. Respectfully submitted,

H. L. FINLEY, Chairman

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The general interest now felt by our people on the subject of Ministe Education is an encouraging event, and entitles us to hope that the com ministers of our church will be men of might. We assuredly are leaving hind us many of the prejudices which influenced some of our people in past. When we consider the present state of this cause, we apprehend th one danger which is just now upon us, is that of, in some measure, los sight of those fundamental and primary qualifications, without which no can ever be a good minister of Christ. Real conversion, earnest piety and spiritual call to the work of the ministry are essential qualifications for t holy work. It is our duty to take all possible care that those who we put our schools to be trained, lack none of these things. The true idea of minis rial training is not to educate men with a view that they will be called, but educate men already called of God. The training of these gifts of God to t churches, we consider to be the imperative duty of the denomination. Wh we proceed in this work with all possible care, still let us proceed with it wi a spirit worthy of the greatness of the enterprise before us. No greater bl sing can be enjoyed by the church than a plenteous supply of pious, cultivate able ministers, devoted to the work of preaching the gospel. To secure th great blessing is worth our greatest efforts and our most fervent prayers. W rejoice that we have in the State a school ready to receive our young min ters, and give them that training which they so much need. Mississippi Co lege *is our College*, and to it we should send our young preachers, and wh they are indigent give them material support. We therefore recommend th institution as the place where we should send our young brethren to be traine

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GAMBREL, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Mi sions, are of opinion that Foreign Missions are of vast importance, the negle of which involves the Christian into disobedience of the Lord's last great com

mand. Your Committee have not before them the report of Foreign Missionary labor, but feel satisfied, from the earnest solicitation of our Board at Richmond, Va., for help, that while we are feasting on the precious truths of the gospel, our heathen brethren are starving and asking for the bread of life. We feel satisfied that a great work in foreign fields lie before us. Shall we cultivate these fields or not? Shall the gospel be sent to them? The answer is "Yes," until God's precious truth shall prevail over the whole earth, as the waters cover the great deep. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC SMITH, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following:

Amaziah	$ 2 25	Oaklemeter	1 00
Antioch	1 00	Pine Flat	2 50
Bethel, Pontotoc	2 95	Spring Hill	1 70
Bethel, Lafayette	2 50	Shady Grove	75
Cypress Creek	2 25	Shiloh	4 00
Cherry Creek	7 25	Temperance Hill	2 25
Friendship	3 00	Salem	2 55
Liberty	3 00	Union	1 00
Mt. Pleasant	3 25	Abbeville	4 15
Mt. Pisgah	2 75	El Bethel	8 20
New Hope	2 00	Midway	2 50
Pleasant Ridge	3 50	Tupelo	2 50
Pleasant Hill	2 00	New Albany	2 00
Philadelphia	4 75	Bluff Springs	2 00
Pine Grove	1 25	Durkin Creek	1 50

Total.....$77 30

The above amounts for minutes. All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. MORGAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents submit the following report:

We recommend the publication of those parts of the minutes of the Union meeting as refer to times and places of holding next meetings, special sermons, essays and queries. We recommend that all our brethren subscribe for and read the *Home and Foreign Journal*. We recommend all the publications of the Sunday School Board at Memphis, Tenn. We recommend the *Orphans' Home Banner*, published at Lauderdale Springs, Miss. We very earnestly recommend the brethren to subscribe for and read the *Baptist*, and more especially do we recommend the Mississippi Department, edited by Elder M. P. Lowrey. This is our paper, adopted by the late Convention as the medium of communication between the brethren of the State. We would urge the importance of increasing the number of subscribers to that paper, so that it may be enlarged to the contemplated sixteen-page paper. We will then have four pages for our State interests. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GAMBREL, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools are profoundly impressed that this is emphatically the great work of the laity of our churches; and, while other causes claim our prayers, our sympathy, our efforts and sacrifices, here is a field in which all are called to labor, either as teachers or scholars. The influence of all is needed, and all who stand aloof wield their influence against this great work. We rejoice that the Sabbath School cause is gaining increased interest with our churches. But much remains to be done. Dear brethren, the great enemy of souls is ever busy in sowing the great seeds of sin and error in

the minds and hearts of our children—then how earnest and untirin
should be in teaching God s holy word, which, by the blessing of the
Spirit, is able to make poor sinners wise unto salvation.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES BOSWELL, Chairm

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, appointed to write on the subject of Temperance
leave to make the following report:

Intemperance is a withering and blighting curse to the world, a
brought about by moderate dram-drinking. No man is naturally a drun
and no man, when he takes the first dram, expects to make a drunkard,
when he takes one dram he wants another, and another, and still ano
until he begins to thirst for it, and his friends may point out the danger
in, and he will cry out peace and safety, when sudden destruction is just al
It is like the anaconda of South America, that coils around its prey
crushes it to death. Perhaps it has brought more trouble in the world
anything else. It brings the gray-headed father and mother to the gra
sorrow; it makes wives widows, and children orphans, and throws them
the cold charities of the world; and perhaps our churches have more tro
in consequence of drunkenness than any one thing that we have to do w
Therefore we, your Committee, would recommend to the churches and ch
members, to endeavor to put away from among them, if possible, the u
ardents as a beverage, and only use it as a medicine, and be certain that
need it—to be prescribed by a physician. "Look not upon the wine when
red, when it giveth its color in the cup, for at the last it stingeth like an ad
and biteth like a serpent. Strong drink is raging, and he that is decei
thereby is not wise." All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. L. REYNOLDS, Chairma

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your Committee is impressed that our great want in advancing the
ferent enterprises of our denomination, is some uniform system by which ev
one of our membership shall be brought to regard themselves and all they
sess as belonging to the Lord, and then adopt the only scriptural plan given
which is "to give as the Lord has prospered us." Who of us, on our dy
pillow, will regret having sacrificed for the dear cause of our Master? May
not rather fear that our regrets will be that we have done so little, when th
are so many pressing claims upon us? Dear brethren, let us remember t
the cattle upon a thousand hills are His, and that "the Lord loveth a cheer
giver;" and, finally, let us pray to God to give us grace and a spirit to retu
to Him that portion which our duty requires of that with which he blesses

Respectfully submitted, N. M. BERRY, Chairman

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

The condition of the Home, at the present, is a very critical one. T
Baptist State Convention, at its last meeting, decided to refer the whole qu
tion of the transfer of the Home to the Masonic fraternity, to the churc
throughout the State, for their decision, by the first of December next—not
empty resolutions and gassy speeches, but by dollars and cents, to the amou
of twelve thousand dollars annually. This sum, as enormous as it may see
if properly divided among the forty-eight thousand Baptists in the Sta
would only be the small sum of twenty-five cents per member. We wou
most earnestly recommend the ministers and messengers of this body to lay t
matter before their respective churches, immediately on their return hom
and raise at least twenty-five cents per member, and send the same to T.

DuPre, Treasurer of the Home at Lauderdale, Miss. We also recommend that all churches in this Association pledge themselves for a similar amount annually,

Respectfully,

H. L. FINLEY.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

It is a matter of first importance to circulate the written word. Our Executive Board has done much to supply the lack of Bibles to the poor in our bounds, and if there are any yet remaining who are without this precious treasure, we should not suspend our efforts until that lack is supplied. It is peculiarly the work of Baptists to give the pure word of life to the nations of the earth, and we rejoice that the Lord, in his providence, has opened every nation to us. It is our duty, therefore, to do all we can to encourage and assist in the good work of giving the word, in its purity, to all the world. We recommend that this Association hereafter dispense with the report on the Bible Cause.

Re-pectfully submitted,

J. T. PITTS,
THOMAS GORLEY,
S. H. WOOD,
} Committee.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on the State of Religion in our bounds, beg leave to submit the following report:

That from the reading of the letters, we learn that there is a good state of feeling and much spiritual interest manifested in a large majority of our churches, for which we give thanks unto God from the great depth of our hearts; while with the few there seems to be a lukewarmness and want of activity. To these we would recommend the serious consideration of the letter of the Spirit to the Church of the Laodiceans; Rev. iii, 14–22. "Oh! Lord, revive thy work in our midst, until all shall know Thee, from the least to the greatest," is our prayer. Amen.

W. L. FARMER, Chairman.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions would report that we believe, from past experience, as well as the unerring word of God, that an efficient evangelist is a power, not only among the destitute but among the churches.

First—It is our conviction that we ought to have such evangelist.

Second—That he ought to act in the double capacity of evangelist and agent, to stir up our brethren on all the subjects that we cherish as a body.

Third—That he travel among the destitute, and build up churches wherever advisable.

Fourth—The past history of Missions in this Association should be a stimulus to us for future action. We have representatives to-day in different parts of the world. O, how cheering to the hearts of our Elder brethren to behold what the Lord has wrought through their instrumentality. May God give us all grace to do our whole duty, is the prayer of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. PITTS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board beg leave to report that they were not able to employ a missionary for any considerable portion of his time. They succeeded, however, in procuring the services of Elder J. Smith at tw points north of the Tallahatchie river, whose report is as follows:

By the blessings of God I have filled an appointment at Candy Hill during the Associational year, and since March at another point, farther up the river, once a month. At both points a good deal of interest has been manifested, and I trust that seeds have been planted which, by the blessing of God, will yield a bountiful harvest in days to come.

We also assisted in the support of Elder Lawrence, who has filled an
pointment, monthly, at Buttermilk Springs, near where has been consti
Duncan's Creek Church, which has become a member of this body during
present session. When we retrospect the past history of mission work by
body, our hearts swell with gratitude to God for His wonderful works
gracious providences, and we have everything to encourage us to press for
in this heaven-born work. We would most respectfully recommend that
future Board, if possible, endeavor to greatly increase efficient missio
labor in our bounds the next year, and that some weak churches receive
aid in supporting a minister, until they can become self-sustaining. To ac
plish all this will require in the future, as in the past, liberal contribut
May we not, in view of the value of souls and the love of Jesus, urg
creased liberality and your united, earnest prayers for the success of
missionaries. Respectfully submitted, E. SMYTH, Chairm

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. M. BERRY, Treasurre, in account with Chickasaw Association.

1871.				
Sept. 14,	to balance due as per last report			$
"	cash received of W. G. Coleman, for Foreign Missions,			
"	" contributed for Orphans' Home			
1872.				
Jan. 23,	"	"	received for two Bibles	
22,	"	"	" " one Pilgrims Progress	
23,	"	"	" " one Testament	
Feb. 21,	"	"	" " one Testament	
" 24,	"	"	" Eld. W. W Finley	
July 29,	"	"	" for two Testaments	
Sept. 12,	"	"	" of W. R. Spencer	
"	"	"	" of E. Smith	
"	"	"	" N. M. Berry's subscription	
14,	"	"	" D. E. Mitchell	
14,	"	"	" H. T. Pitts	
"	"	"	" New Albany church	
"	"	"	" Mt. Pisgah church	
"	"	"	" H. L. Johnson	
"	"	"	" E. Bethel church	
"	"	"	" J. N. W. Herring	
"	"	"	" Liberty church	
"	"	"	" Bethel Lafayette County church	
"	"	"	" Shiloh church	
"	"	"	" G. W. Hall	
"	"	"	" H. O. Coach	
"	"	"	" Collection for Foreign Missions	
"	"	"	" of Eld. I. Smith	
"	"	"	" of C. A. Short	
16,	"	"	" Public collections on Sabbath	
17,	"	"	" Pleasant Ridge church	
"	"	"	" Collections for Orphans' Home	
"	"	"	" J. Baker	
"	"	"	" Amaziah church	
"	"	"	" Salem church for Association Missions	
"	"	"	" " " Domestic Missions	
"	"	"	" " " Foreign Missions	
"	"	"	" Eld. H. L. Finley	
"	"	"	" Collection for benefit of Bro. Stokes	
"	"	"	" Midway church	
"	"	"	" On sale of ring	
				$4
1871.				
November,	By cash paid	T. J. DuPre, Treasurer of Orphans' Home		
"	"	"	N. D. Ward for Bibles and Testaments	
1872.				
Feb. 26,	"	"	Freight on same	
Sept. 14,	"	"	See'y Board of Foreign Missions	
" 15,	"	"	Eld. St. Clare Lawrence, for missionary labor	
" 17,	"	"	Eld. I. Smith, for missionary labor	
" 17,	"	"	Eld. H. L Finley, for missionary labor at Midway	
			H. L. Finley, for benefit of Bro. Stokes	
			Due by Treasurer to balance	2
				$4

Respectfully submitted, N. M. BERRY, Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That our churches hereafter be requested to send up in their letters to the Association the number of males and females belonging to their churches, as well as their ordained and licensed ministers.

Resolved, That the clerk have the rules of Decorum, Constitution and Abstract of Principles printed in the minutes of this year.

Resolved, That the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes, preserving fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That this Association do most heartily recommend the Baptist Female Seminary at Pontotoc, under the control of Elder W. L. Slack, as the proper place to which Baptists should send their daughters for their mental and moral training.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and hereby tendered to the membership of this church, and to the citizens generally, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained the delegates of this body during the present session.

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to our Moderator and Clerk, for the efficient manner in which they have performed their respective duties during this session.

DISTRICT MEETINGS—COMMITTEES APPOINTED ON QUERIES AND ESSAYS.

The Union Meeting of the First District will hold its next session with the Mt. Pleasant church, commencing on Thursday before the first Sabbath in August, 1873. Elder J. T. Pitts to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. Boswell, alternate.

Appointed the following brethren to write essays upon the subjects mentioned in connection with their names, viz:

Elder J. T. Pitts—"Communion, its object, and how it should be observed."

Elder J. Smith—"The best plan of conducting protracted meetings."

W. L. Souter—"Importance of family prayer."

J. M. Wood—"Youthful piety."

D. C. M. Bigham—"Intemperance, its evils, and total abstinence the duty of church members."

N. M. Berry—"Sabbath Schools, their importance and how they should be conducted?"

A. W. Funk—"Systematic Benevolence."

Elder Martin L. Ball—"Importance of Christians not conforming to the world."

E. Smith—"Cultivation of brotherly love."

B. F. Leavell—"What pleasures are sinful—their tendency and dangers."

Elder G. W. Potter—"The Atonement."

Elder Z. T. Leavell—"What constitutes a call to the Gospel Ministry."

J. B. Gambrell—"Deacons—when were they first appointed, how, and their duty."

The Union Meeting of the Second District, to be held with Cypress Creek Church, Lafayette county, commencing on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1873.

Queries for discussion:

First—Did Judas, the traitor participate in the Lord's Supper?

Second—What course should a Baptist church pursue with a member that partakes of the Lord's supper with a Pedobaptist society?

Third—Is the Communion a Christian or a church ordinance?

Fourth—(Query of the meeting of 1870)—What shall a Missionary B
tist Church do with an Anti-Missionary member applying for membershi
letters?

Appointed the following brethren on essays for discussion, viz:

Elder W. W. Finley—Exegesis on the 24th chapter of Matthew.

J T. Brown—Duty of churches to pastors.

N. H Ward—Duty of Christians.

F. M. Ferrel, Jr.—Christian Benevolence.

H. L. Finley—Family Government.

J. E. Boatright—Church Discipline.

Essay on "Feet Washing," by Bro. N. H. Ward, deferred until n
meeting.

PLEDGES TO BE PAID AT THE ASSOCIATION, 1873.

H. L. Finley	$15 00	H. L. Johnson	2
Shiloh Church	10 00	D. E Mitchel	5
Pleasant Ridge Church	25 00	T. Smith	5
Temperance Hill Church	31 80	S. H. Plant	5
Duncan's Creek Church	5 00	B. J. Caldwell	5
Bethel L Co. Church	10 00	W. A. Smith	5
Cherry Creek Church	30 00	J. N. Briggs	5
Salem Church	10 00	I. Smith	5
Amaziah Church	15 00	Tocopolo Church	10

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS IN THE CHICKASA ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR POST OFFICE.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
W. L. Reynolds	Corner-ville.
J. T. Pitts	Cherry Creek.
T. Lovell	Cherry Creek.
L. M. Ball	Cherry Creek.
F. M. Ferrell	Lafayette Sp ns
Jas. Barwell	Cherry Creek.
W. W. Finley	Lafayette Springs
J. Crossby	"
B. B. Smith	"
T. Gorley	Tocopolo.
H. L. Finley	Abbeville.
H. L. Johnson	Sarepta.
G. W. Potter	Wallerville.
I. Smith	"

NAMES.	POST OFFI
H. Pritchard	Walton.
LICENTIATES.	POST OFFI
A. G. Perry	Cornersville
C. W. Smith	Esparanza
W. N. Swain	Cornersville
J. Huckaby	Malino.
W. G. Jeter	Pontotoc.
J. M. Gray	Cornersville
R. T. Stokes	Abbeville.
W. P. Hobbs	"
J. A. McMillan	"
W. H. Murphy, Jr.	Tocopolo.
F. M. Ferrel, Jr	"
Isaac Briggs	Hickory Fla

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this Union.

ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of the Association, present the letters specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 4 Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, and then one for each hundred above that number.

ART. 5. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves at one Association, will be expected to state the reason of their failure at the next, and if any church fail for three successive meetings, the Association may consider such church as dropped from its number, or shall have power to send a committee to inquire into its state, or proceed as the Association may deem most advisable.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this Union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, so soon as letters from the churches are read, and members' names enrolled; provided, however, that nothing in this article be so construed as to prohibit churches petitioning for union with us, from voting by their delegates for Moderator and Clerk.

ART. 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of churches; it shall, however, be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may withdraw from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such funds as they may think proper, either for foreign or domestic missions, for the Bible, or any other benevolent institution, and the Association appoint one or more to take charge of the same, and forward them as they may be designated, and report to the next Association.

ART. 10. Any church of this Union having a difficulty
she cannot settle, may call help from other churches, or may
sent the case to this body for advice; such cases must be prese
in the letter of correspondence, stating the reasons why it has
or could not be, decided by the church.

ART. 11. If any church should have a difficulty with a si
church, we recommend said church to take the gospel steps as
rected in Matthew xviii; and no difficulty will be entertained
this Association until such steps are taken.

ART. 12. When churches of this Union have members
posed to possess ministerial gifts, we recommend them to cal
their aid, from two or more churches, the ministers, and such o
members as the churches may deem most suitable, to examine
individuals, and, if thought advisable, to authorize such a mem
or members to preach the gospel—which shall be reported to
Association and entered on the minutes.

ART. 13. Any church having a gift she deems worthy of
dination, shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churc
to officiate in the work; and all Presbyteries, in the ordinatio
ministers and deacons or in constituting churches, shall be g
erned by the Abstract of Principles of this Association.

ART. 14. This Association may correspond, by letter
delegates, with the Baptist Convention of this State, and with s
Associations as she may deem most conducive to the general in
est of Zion.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read
corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the ses
rises. No Association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary ca
until it has finished all its business.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and, if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, and while speaking shall not be interrupted, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ART. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak have had an oppportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9 The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. "But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority."

ART. 10. The names of the members shall be called when the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 11. The appellation "brother" shall be used by members in addressing each other.

ART. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been committed.

ART. 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to the rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but, by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of satan and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our

nature, yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedi
and made atonement for our sins by his death; being risen
the dead, is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his
derful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfectio
every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate an
sufficient Savior.

V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of his ful
bestows on such as believe in him, is justification; that justific
consists in the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal lif
principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in co
eration of any works of righteousness which we have done,
solely through his own redemption and righteousness; tha
brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with
and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by
gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them b
cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salva
of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary ref
to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject
to an aggravated condemnation.

VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated,
born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disp
tion to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our com
hension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so a
secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel, and that its pro
evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to
glory of God.

VIII.—OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That election is the gracious purpose of God, according
which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that be
perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comp
hends all the means in connection with the end; that it
a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, be
infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly exclu
boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in G
and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the

of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX—OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X.—HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of this visible church.

XI.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are Bishops, or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XII.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its purifying power; that it is pre-requisite to the privilege of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of the bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes,

by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations; devout observance of all the means of grace, both priva public, and by preparation for the rest which remaineth people of God.

XIV.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is of divine appointment, f interest and good order of human society; and that magi are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the Kings earth.

XV.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

That there is a radical and essential difference be the righteous and the wicked; that such only as, th faith, are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctifi the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; wh such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among both in and after death.

XVI.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching; tha the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separ will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to et punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this ment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on ciples of righteousness.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total in Fellowship.	Day of Meet'g.
Amaziah	W. L. Reynolds	Cornersville	W. L. Reynolds, W. F. Rochuler, W. B. West	26	7	3	10	15	1	166	2d
Antioch	J. Johnson	Esperanza	G. Cooper, J. McVey, *S. Philips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abbeville	H. L. Finley	Abbeville	H. L. Finley, W. F. Allford, W. A. Smith	14	18	...	...	1	2	33	4th
Bethel, P. Co	H. Pritchard	Esperanza	C. W. Smith, J. Pilcher, J. F. Duncan	10	8	2	...	1	...	83	2d & 4th
Bethel, L. Co	J. B. Gambrel	Oxford	J. Davis, A. Wilson, *C. Wells	10	9	...	...	3	...	91	2d
Bluff Springs	T. Gorley	LaFayette Springs	J. J. Carter, J. H. Fuller. J. K. Miller	10	4	2	1	15	...	69	4th
Cypress Creek	W. W. Finley	LaFayette Springs	F. M. Ferrell, sr., P. Owens, J. M. Parke	2	4	...	...	2	...	51	2d
Cherry Creek	J. T. Pitts	Cherry Creek	J. T. Pitts, M. M. Berry. E. Smyth	16	2	1	...	2	...	46	4th
Cary Springs	T. Gorley	Randolph	Not represented	...	...	...	...	24	...	159	2d
Duncan's Creek	St. Clare Lawrence	LaFayette Springs	B. B. Smith, P. N. Gilder, P. C. Duncan	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	2d
E. Bethel	T. H. Smith	Sarepta	R. K. Webb, J. B. Marley, H. L. Johnson	...	...	...	2	19	1	9	1st
Friendship	J. T. Pitts	Pontotoc	H. L. Sauter, B. Johnson, J. B Jackson	4	3	3	1	1	1	33	1st
Liberty	J. Boswell	Cherry Creek	J. Boswell, S. H. Plant, B. J. Caldwell	...	7	1	1	1	1	38	1st
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Potter	New Albany	J. Smith, D. E Mitchell, C. O. Potter	8	2	...	1	13	...	89	4th
Mt. Pisgah	J Smith	Cornersville	J. Beard, S C. Swain, B. J. Swain	17	4	2	2	12	1	124	1st & 3d
New Hope	St. Clare Lawrence	Pontotoc	J. Smith, *W. T. Stegall, S. H. Pitts	10	10	3	...	12	1	79	2d
Midway	H. L. Finley	Abbeville	G. H. Gilbert, W. Alfords, W. A. Temple	10	8	...	1	1	...	85	1st
Pleasant Ridge	H. S. Archer	Moline	J. B. Gambrel, W. S. Greer, T T. Pannell	4	1	...	...	6	...	25	1st
Pleasant Hill	J Boswell	Moline	N. W. Roach, G. W. Hall, *J. B. Cartell	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Philadelphia	W. W. Finley	Walton	H. Pritchard, *E. Hall, W. Gray	12	7	4	3	6	1	144	1st
Piney Grove	No Pastor	Tocopolo	W. F. Waldrop, B. A. Carpenter, *J. C. Beard	8	7	...	3	18	...	91	1st
Spring Hill	T. Gorley	Tocopolo	W. C. Crawford, F. G. Nance, J. M. Barksdale	...	...	...	...	11	2	134	1st
†Shiloh	J. Crossby	LaFayette Springs	J. Crossby, W. W. Finley, G. W. Hampton	2	2	...	...	7	...	46	2d
Shady Grove	J. Boswell	Cherry Creek	Not represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	1st
Salem	W. W. Finley	Cornersville	S. M. Grey, H. Kirk, S. A. Webb	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spring Creek	W. L. Reynolds	Waterford	Not represented	6	7	1	1	6	...	85	3d
Temperance Hill	W. L. Reynolds	Holly Springs	W. L. Farmer, J. C. Adams, G. W. Boggett	1	5	3	...	10	1	46	3d
Tocopolo	W. W. Finley	Tocopolo	W. H. Murphy, S. H. Wood, F. Sauter	2	...	2	1	5	1	46	3d
Union	T. H Smith	Tocopolo	C. Powell, J. W.Powell, R. Swain	...	6	4	...	10	2	27	2d
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Oaklimeter	W. J. Kirkland	Hickory Flat		1	4	...	...	...	...	21	2d
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